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SUBJECT: REVISED TALKING POINTS ON SPANISH SAHARA

FOR PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH SPANISH PRIME

MINISTER ARIAS

FOR HARTMAN

1. FOLLOWING MATERIAL IS SUBMITTED AS REPLACEMENT FOR  
SECTION ON SPANISH SAHARA IN DEPARTMENT'S BRIEFING PAPER  
FOR PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH SPANISH PRIME MINISTER ARIAS,  
TO REFLECT MEETING JULY 23 BETWEEN UNDER SECRETARY SISCO  
AND DEP. FON MIN ROVIRA.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: SPANISH SAHARA (IF RAISED BY THE SPANISH)

THE DISPUTE OVER THE DISPOSITION OF THE SPANISH SAHARA CONTINUES, WITH SPAIN AND MOROCCO CURRENTLY THE MAIN PROTAGONISTS AND MAURITANIA AND ALGERIA IN ACTIVE SUPPORTING ROLES. IT APPEARS THAT ALGERIA IS NOW SOFT-PEDALING ITS EARLIER OPPOSITION TO MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN PLANS TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY, THEREBY INCREASING PRESSURE ON SPAIN TO COME TO TERMS WITH MOROCCO. THE SPANISH ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT AND HAVE ASKED UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO HELP THEM FIND A WAY OUT BY MEANS OF A UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE OF THE FOUR INTERESTED PARTIES. IN RESPONSE TO SPANISH REQUESTS THAT WE SUPPORT THEIR PROPOSAL TO WALDHEIM, WE HAVE TOLD WALDHEIM (AND SO INFORMED THE SPANISH) THAT WHILE THERE

MIGHT BE SOME UN ROLE AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE, HE WOULD HAVE TO NEGOTIATE THAT ROLE WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED. WE REMAIN NEUTRAL IN MATTER, AND THAT EXTENDS TO SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE PARTIES.

TALKING POINTS:

-- WE HAVE NOTED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SAHARAN DISPUTE, INCLUDING THE ALGERIAN EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION OVER MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY.

-- WHILE WE REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THIS DISPUTE, WE WANT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, AND IN THAT SPIRIT WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM.

-- WE HAVE CONVEYED OUR JUDGMENT TO WALDHEIM THAT THE PARTIES CONCERNED RECOGNIZE THAT THE UN HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN DEALING WITH THE MATTER; WE ALSO TOLD HIM THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO HIM AND THE INTERESTED PARTIES TO WORK OUT THE MODALITIES. INGERSOLL

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